

Board of Trustees for Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church minutes January 18, 2018

In attendance: Rev Dave, Greg Blackman, Sonia Reed, Laura Conkle, John Luff, Jay Poliziani (quorum reached)

Absent: Kate Tomlinson

Assent Agenda Approved Financial report noted that as a result of a late deposit to the bank the information on the report did not include some deposits intended for the end of December. The corrected amount of money donated to the end of year campaign is approximately \$4,500 , which is still short of the budgeted amount.

Business

Mid year Meeting: Greg will create and circulate via email a draft agenda to include:

- Board Report – Greg,
- Financial overview- John,
- Get Woke and Beaver County UU update – Shane,
- Membership update- Jay,
- Denominational Affairs update- Laura,
- Congregational Action items- Greg,
- Volunteering at the church activity-Kate and Laura,
- City of Bridges update- Randy,
- Thanks/Celebration of each other

Food for the light lunch: Greg-meat/cheese tray, John –Buns/bread, Laura- fruit tray, Jay-soda and sandwich condiments, Kate- dessert.

Addition to the Board As a result of Lisa's resignation from the BOT we have an open seat. Laura volunteered to approach five possible candidates as identified by the BOT. She will approach one at a time to gauge their interest and hopefully have one agree to fill the 18-month opening starting at the February Board meeting.

Laura motioned and Sonia seconded and all present agreed to the slate of possible replacements to be approached in the order set by the BOT.

Cluster: Rev Dave led a discussion about how we might take advantage of the interest of the Cluster of work with our inner city church.

Points to consider for this to be successful:

- Add an AUUC person to the Cluster Board to facilitate communication between the Cluster and our church.
- Keep cluster informed of what we do inside and outside the church
- First Church may be considering us as a share the plate recipient
- Welcome members from other churches to our events
- Welcome cluster folks to Get Woke Stay Woke
- Consider full cluster taking lead on a once weekly food service to the homeless downtown at First Presby
- Possible cluster involvement at Jefferson Recreation Center
- Invite cluster speakers to lead a service at AUUC
- Capitalize on Immigration activity cluster members participated in last year –invite them to lead a service.

Sabbatical for Rev Dave August to December 2018: First priority would be to set up a sabbatical team. The past Sabbatical team was made up of someone from Worship, RE, In Reach and an interested other. It was led by a recent past BOT president. Jay will approach our most recent past presidents to see if either will take on the lead of the team. The team will work to secure speakers for services through the duration of the sabbatical, host a pre and post sabbatical celebration and help support the congregation before and during the sabbatical.

Reallocation of minister's time: With the addition of Lisa as RE staff there is not a need to readjust the minister's schedule at this time.

Share the Plate : Greg will recommend to Shane and the Social Justice group that for 2018 we retain PIIN, NCM and UUPLAN as our three partners each year and that for the coming year

we consider adding Habitat for Humanity, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, Casa San Jose and possibly funds to seed a Ministers Discretionary fund.

Ministers Discretionary Fund: John explained that many churches have a discretionary fund that the Minister can access to assist members or church neighbors in financial crisis with small grants. Ideally given our church size we would have one at about \$1,000. This could possibly be raised through a Share the Plate collection. John motioned, Laura seconded and all agreed that we should work to establish such a fund.

Sonia motioned to close the meeting and John seconded it –all agreed.

Next meeting February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at U House.